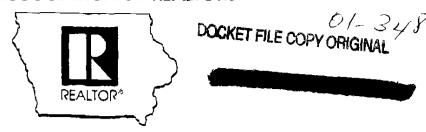
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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal **Communications Commission** 445 12th Street **SW** Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like your support for the merger that is currently before the Federal' Communications Commission between EchoStar and DirecTV. In many rural Iowa communities, dependable and competitive television service is a challenge. Many homeowners have little or no ability to receive local television programming, and if they do, they are limited to one cable provider.

The proposed merger of EchoStar and DirecTV would change this scenario for rural Towers by making more choices and solutions available to the general public. As a REALTOR®, I hear consumers asking about high-speed Internet access and technology features for their homes, and in most rural Iowa areas these options are currently not available.

A proposal **like this** merger would deliver competitive technology to even the **most** remote locations, instantly **allowing** some of our smaller businesses and individuals to compete in **the** global **marketplace**.

I believe this approval of this merger could literally **make** a world of difference for some communities in **lowa**.

Sincerely,

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